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## Cooperative Program And Tithing Plans Discussed By Convention Board On June 30

### Baptists Lose Valued Worker

#### Miss Roma Jones Claimed By Death Early Monday

Miss Roma Jones, assistant bookkeeper for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, passed away at a local hospital early Monday morning, June 30. Pneumonia, following a major operation was the cause of her passing.

Miss Jones was born in Rankin County, daughter of Mrs. P. H. Jones, Valley Street, Jackson, and the late Mr. Jones. She attended school in Mendenhall, later being employed by

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### The Future Of Mass Evangelism

By Charles F. Taylor

(Delivered Before the Southern Baptist Convention, St. Louis, Mo.)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: One of the highlights of the Southern Baptist Convention at St. Louis was the address by Evangelist Charles F. Taylor. We urge our readers to read every word of it.)

The historical record of mass evangelism is an overflowing cup of glorious achievement. From the day when Noah warned the crowds who ridiculed the building of the ark to the stormy crying of Jonah down the busy streets of Ninevah; from the awestruck multitudes which heard the Sermon on the Mount to that vast host who fell before the spirit-filled eloquence at Pentecost; from the riotous mobs that arrested Paul to the gentle throngs that loved Francis of Assisi; from the days when all Germany heard Martin Luther and all England heard John Wesley; from the trumpet voice of Jonathan Edwards, driving masses of people to their knees before the throne on an angry God, to the resonant chime of George Whitefield, lifting them on wings of love to the gate of heaven; from the cities swayed by the poetic rhetoric of cultured Talmadge to the nations who were moved by the plain words of untutored Moody; from the stupendous audiences that heard the compelling logic of Spurgeon to the acres of people who listened to the compassion that was George Truett, God has always used mass evangelism as His greatest single means for calling multitudes to the valley of decision.

But this was yesterday. What about the future of mass evangelism? In the opinion of many, it has none. Preachers whose education is great but whose popular appeal is often small are joining in ever-increasing chorus the belittled crowd. Personal, educational, visitation types of evangelism

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This old woman and her granddaughter are the sole surviving members of a Polish family which suffered heavily in the war. You can aid these two and many refugees like them by contributing your old bedding, shoes, clothing and other relief supplies to Church World Service, 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans 16, La. The New Orleans Center is operated by the Relief Committee of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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### The Washington Review

By Larston D. Farrar

Religious News Service Correspondent

#### CHURCHMEN WATCH MOVE TO PUSH UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING

The biggest single legislative issues in which religious lobbyists here are now most interested is that of universal military training in peace-time.

A strong move is being planned by the administration and groups favoring universal military training for the final two months of this Congressional session. They want to push through a plan that will follow the ideas advanced by the American Legion—a few months' compulsory training, with great emphasis on training in high schools and colleges.

Church groups, for the most part, are opposed to any plan that is universal in its jurisdiction and compulsory in its application. The solid front of most church groups has cracked in one or two places, in view of the so-called "international crisis," but by and large the stand of religious leaders is unequivocal.

Time will work on the side of those

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### McCall To Lead In State-Wide Tithing Program

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board met June 30 with President John D. Davis of Greenville presiding and Rev. Fred B. Bookter of McComb serving as secretary.

The purpose of the meeting was given by Dr. D. A. McCall, executive secretary of Mississippi Baptists. This purpose is to expand and make effective the purpose and plan of the Co-operative Program.

Dr. McCall's presentation was given by showing figures which presented the effectiveness of the Co-operative Program. Total receipts in 1939 amounted to \$200,000 against \$1,800,000 in 1946. Co-operative Program receipts alone for 1946, totalling \$581,000, were more than double the total receipts of a few years ago.

In the more than 100 years of Mississippi Baptists' history there has been just in the last eight years a 20 per cent gain in membership to our

churches. This gain has added to our constituency 65,000.

A minimum of three per cent of our incomes has been given rather than the ten per cent which is the Lord's plan of giving. "At the present rate of giving we are not reaching the \$1,000,000 goal," said Dr. McCall, "but we will probably receive around \$750,000."

#### Board Pledges Support in Informing Associations

Dr. Norman Cox of Meridian presented the practical application of various courses that might be followed in getting the plan to our people. The members of the Board and others present were called on for expression. Their opinion was that Board members and others be urged to return to their Associations and take the plan and meaning of the Co-operative Program to the last

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### Miss Thelma Brown Leaves Sunday School Board



MISS THELMA BROWN

#### Joins Missionary Education Movement Friendship Press

Thelma Sharman Brown, one of Baptist's foremost book specialists, has announced her decision to accept the position of associate secretary of promotion and sales with the Friendship Press in New York. She will take over her responsibility on July 1. Working through the Missionary Education Movement, she will promote the production and distribution of Christian literature through foreign missionaries and Christian book stores throughout the world.

#### Has Served As Book Consultant

Miss Brown is perhaps best known to Southern Baptists as book consultant for the Sales and Advertising Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board and Associated Book Stores. This responsibility has included evaluating new books of all publishers, maintaining an extensive file of critical information on these books, sharing this information with all Baptist organizations, and preparing book lists for catalogs. She has also helped to correlate the emphases of the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Departments with book promotion and has worked with the Woman's Missionary Union in their mission reading and mission study.

#### Is Author of Three Books

The Home Mission Board has published two books by Thelma Brown: *They Need Not Go Away*, of which she was joint author, and *By Way of Cherokee*. Since 1945 she has conducted the page, "Give Attention to

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### CHESTER SWOR SENDS MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE TO MISSISSIPPIS

The following message of gratitude and appreciation has been received from Dr. Chester E. Swor, who has been in St. Mary's Hospital, Athens, Georgia, since his auto accident on June 22:

Baptist Record,

Baptist Bldg., Jackson, Miss.

My deepest gratitude to Mississippi friends for their messages and assurance of prayer. Recovery will be slow but physicians feel assured that I shall walk again, Psalm 103:1.

CHESTER E. SWOR.

We are sure Mississippi Baptists will continue to pray for Dr. Swor in these days that his recovery may be complete.



**COOPERATIVE PROGRAM**

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church in each Association, and institute such plans that will induce each church to make some offering through the Co-operative Program.

Other suggestion was that the executive committees in each association have a meeting before too long and make plans for a full-scale Co-operative Program plan of procedure for 1948.

Thirty-seven Board members out of 72 in the meeting gave themselves an appraisal of what their Associations might do through the Co-operative Program alone through the coming year.

**Dr. McCall to Magnify Tithing Plans**

Dr. D. A. McCall was urged to give full-scale leadership to the tithing campaign, looking toward enlisting all pastors and church members toward a minimum of 100,000 tithers this year, as Mississippi Baptists' part in the campaign among Southern Baptists for one million tithers.

Several plans are already being used as letters with two-color envelopes have been sent out. September will be used to complete plans and gain impetus for the Three Months' Try Me Plan for Tithing.

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**MISS THELMA BROWN LEAVES SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD**

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Reading," in *Royal Service*, the monthly magazine of Woman's Missionary Union. Her newest book, *The Treasury of Religious Plays*, will be published in the fall by Association Press.

For two years Miss Brown has prepared the book section for *Pulpit Digest*, and this spring she supervised the production of a comprehensive book catalog for the Religious Publishers' Group, of which she is a member. Her broad understanding of the book needs of Christians is also grounded in several years' experience in Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi, and other Baptist Book Stores. This, together with her extensive assistance at Ridgecrest and state and southwide convention book exhibits, has earned enthusiastic recognition for her creative ability, discernment, and keen judgment.

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**Three 'Bus Proposals' Receive Setbacks**

The Pennsylvania supreme court has upheld the directors of the consolidated school in Chester county who refused to provide bus transportation for parochial school students, Religious News Service reports. In Maine, the state senate killed a measure which would have permitted school committees to transport private and parochial pupils on regular school buses. The Maine house of representatives had previously approved the bill. A bill proposing transportation of parochial school children in tax-supported public school buses, which had been introduced into the Wisconsin legislature, has been withdrawn by the assemblyman who sponsored it. He explained that he acted to prevent "virtually inevitable" defeat of the proposal on the floor of the legislature. Earlier, the assembly committees on education and transportation had recommended that the bill be killed.—The Christian Center

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the Southern Bell Telephone Company. She resigned her position to enter Hillman College where she made an outstanding record. She was elected "Miss Hillman" her senior year, this being the highest honor that could be bestowed by the college girls upon one of their number. She later graduated at Mississippi College with honors.

Miss Jones did social work with success and taught in the Jackson city schools until she entered the armed service during World War II, as a W. A. C.

Returning from the service she entered full time religious work, being connected with the Baptist Book Store. She later joined the staff at Baptist Headquarters, where she served until her death. She was an active worker in the Intermediate Department of the Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson, and loyal to all her church's program.

The funeral was held at 2 o'clock Tuesday at Calvary Church. Dr. D. A. McCall, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptists, had charge of the services.

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**THE WASHINGTON REVIEW**

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opposing universal military training as far as this session of Congress is concerned. Hearings have not been held in either the Senate or the House of Representatives, and Republican leaders in both branches of Congress frankly are opposed to universal military training.

Speaker of the House Joe Martin, Jr. (R-Mass.), two years ago introduced a bill to do away with conscription internationally and he still thinks such a measure eventually will be enacted into law, but not in this session.

Senator Robert A. Taft (R-O.), is on record as having expressed the belief that the Republicans in the Senate will not "have time" to take up any such legislation this year.

But the administration almost certainly will come forward with a big push in the next several weeks, perhaps with the view of making UMT a political issue in '48. President Truman now is on record as favoring UMT, as are most of his cabinet members.

"We can't win the peace by the selfishness and isolationist thinking of the Eightieth Congress," he told the churchwomen. "Its (Congress) economic program so closely resembles that of the reactionary Congress of the '20s that I see no way of avoiding another serious depression unless the people of this country make known at ballot boxes that they are willing to pay the cost of stabilizing our economy through sound social legislation, viz., reduction of the debt."

"The debt itself is inflation."

The Senator emphasized that "there is a great game of politics going in '48 and the only language politicians understand is votes."

Reiterating his belief in democracy and the capitalistic form of government, he pointed out that the great duty of democratic government is to protect the exploitation of the weak from the economic strong within the framework of a private property economy and in keeping with human rights guaranteed by the Constitution and its Bill of Rights.

**Lucedale Church To Enter New Church Building**

On July 6 the Lucedale Church will have the Opening Day for their new church building. Three services have been planned for that day. Rev. G. S. Jenkins, former pastor, now retired, will preach at the morning worship service. Dr. Fred B. Moseley, present pastor of the church, will preach at the evening service. A Musical and Open House Program has been planned for the afternoon.

This new building is of brick and stone construction. It is of beautiful Gothic architecture. It was designed by J. M. Spain of Jackson. It was built by the constructing firm of Currie and Corley. The approximate cost

of the building and equipment is \$90,000.

The planning committee for this building was composed of all the deacons and all the general officers of the Sunday School, Training Union, and Woman's Missionary Union. The Building Committee was composed of Tom S. Doty, Chairman; M. L. Malone, Secretary; J. Marion Dorset, T. M. Ferril and O. Z. Smith. The building has been under construction for about eighteen months. Rev. G. S. Jenkins was pastor of the church when the construction was begun. After he retired last July Dr. Fred B. Moseley became pastor.

**THE FUTURE OF MASS EVANGELISM**

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gelism, all grand in their respective fields, are magnified. Why will we speak disparagingly of the impermanence of rival efforts?

Most of the opponents of mass evangelism, I find, are like a preacher friend of mine whom I went to hear one Sunday morning in a church seating 1,500 people, and he only had seventy-five, including himself and me. After the sermon was over, he pointedly brought out to me that he would rather preach to seventy-five of the intelligentsia than 1,500 of the rabble. Of course, I did not tell him, he should have known. He went to college, and the psychologists would have told him that that was a defense mechanism he had built up around himself to soothe his wounded ego and apologize for his failure.

The fact remains, my brethren and sisters of the Southern Baptist Convention, that crowds are still a force to be reckoned with in this world, both in sport, in labor, in politics, in war and in religion. True, a crowd is volatile and explosive; true, it is fraught with vast danger, even as it is filled with great hope. Under unscrupulous leadership, it can and does become a sinister menace; but directed aright, it can be an overwhelming power for righteousness. True, it was a crowd that crucified Jesus and a crowd that stoned Stephen. But it was also a crowd which, pricked in their hearts under the preaching of Peter at Pentecost, started the church rolling with 3,000 new converts. To be sure, it was to the crowds that Hitler sold himself as a substitute for God. And even greater crowds cemented Communism under the spellbinding atheist, Lenin. But let us also remember that the biggest crowd the world has ever seen was the crowd that landed on the shores of Africa, Sicily, Italy, Okinawa, Iwo Jima, and France to drive Fascism and Nazism and Shintoism from the face of the earth.

And never has the power of direct-

ed masses been more potent than it is now. Ask the labor unions—they'll tell you. And there is still no better way, in my opinion, to win a world than through winning the masses by the preaching of the gospel to great throngs of folk, preaching not sociology but salvation, not reform but redemption, not culture but conversion, not progress but pardon, not revolution but regeneration, not democracy but the gospel, not a new social order but a new birth, not civilization but Christ. And that is the theme of the Southern Baptist Convention, if I know it.

The question then is, how can we do this? How can we build for the future of mass evangelism? In the fair and adequate time that has been allotted to me by this very generous committee—and I say that sincerely—I would like to suggest three things.

**Streamline Our Methods**

First, we must streamline our methods. It is a disgrace to use horse and buggy methods in a jet-propelled world. People today are better educated, better informed, better entertained, more widely traveled than ever before. Speaking of distant places, I used to see people sit up and take notice of the well-traveled preacher, but now when I speak of distant places I have fifty to 500 young men and women in my audience who have been farther and seen more than I ever will see. So we know that it is not easy to surprise, amaze, astound, or even shock people any more. Therefore, to get their attention requires more thought, better planning, a new approach to old truths. We need more pioneers in ideas, my brethren; pioneers like my father who sixty years ago started in England with a gospel wagon, selling Bibles and Testaments and other religious literature for a living; sponsored by no organization; paid no salary—he didn't even take up any collection. And yet he lived to raise eleven children—seven sons and four daughters. And five of his sons are ordained Baptist ministers of the gospel today. When my dad went out with this first idea that he was going to sell Testaments or preach the gospel, he had first of all to get a crowd. He couldn't stand up in a gospel wagon in the open-air market

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## Mississippi Baptists---Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." 1 Cor. 13:8

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"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Jesus in Matthew 7:12.

### I

Does the Co-operative Program call for our best? Answer. It does!

The objective calls for our best. It is to get the Gospel to all the lost of the world, from across the fence, across the street, about our home, to the ends of the earth. It is to teach and train the saved. It will help the needy, the sick, the orphan. All this is the very work of Christ. Matthew 4:12-25.

As a great channel it calls for our best. It is to channel tithes and offerings for all the above work. That is the Lord's money, Malachi 3. That is holy money! It is a great deal of money—enough for all the work of Christ if Christ's people would give it and rightly apportion it!

The needs to be met through it are great. Only six hundred million people of the earth profess Christ in any way. That leaves one billion four hundred million lost people. Millions of these are in the South. Over 700,000 of these are in Mississippi. There are other vast needs to be met.

If we do these things we must give Him our heart, our best, our all.

### II

What are we after? Do we just want to shield ourselves, our churches, and pet plans? Jesus said, "He that would save his life shall lose it—He that is willing to lose his life for my sake shall find it."

Many church members maybe are trying to save themselves—they will not tithe.

Some churches may be trying to save themselves. They do not want to be disturbed. They want to spend the Lord's money on themselves.

Even denominational, institutional leaders are sometimes selfish—staging shameful maneuvers to get as much as possible for self-plans.

No! The aim of the Co-operative Program is to evenly distribute monies according to need to all these causes of Christ. Acts 6. If church and denominational leaders are like these first specially selected leaders God's will will be done.

### III TITHING TESTIMONIES

"We tithe because it is right. Right because God says so. Out of gratitude to Him for His daily goodness to us we gladly return to Him and His cause that portion of worldly goods justly due Him. We not only receive numerous blessings in return but at the same time free ourselves of the guilt of robbing God, an offense that is not trivial."

MR. and MRS. J. R. WHITAKER.

"The supreme value we have received from tithing lies not in the actual money we have brought into the storehouse of God but what it has done for us. It has given us the spiritual assurance that we are giving our minimum measure of substance for Kingdom purposes, thereby, acknowledging God's ownership of our material possessions. By dedicating to Him the first tenth he has brought blessings on the nine-tenths."

MR. and MRS. W. C. VANDIVER.

"The tithe is our expression of appreciation for the many blessings which God has bestowed upon us. It is a command and bears an obligation which we are expected to meet. Since I have given the tithe I have received many blessings in a material as well as a spiritual way. My hope is that I might lead someone else to tithe that they may enjoy these blessings also. It gives me a sweet sense of leaning on God, for I know He is my only security."

MRS. S. P. HUGHES.

(If you have had a real tithing experience, we will be happy to give it to Mississippi Baptists in a 25 or 50 word written statement.)

### IV

It was certainly good to be with Pastor Troy Sumrall and the other saints at Immanuel Baptist Church, Hattiesburg. Congregations were unusually good and we saw fifteen additions to the church. Brother Sumrall is another one of our warmhearted pastors leading in a fine way. Mrs. Rouse led the singing and Mrs. Ward presided at the piano all in fine fashion.

Those leading in inviting to the services were Mrs. Franck Williams, Marlen Havens, Mrs. Hust, Mr. M. B. Holloway, Mrs. Herman Hilburn, and Miss Mikell Hulsey.

Brother and Mrs. M. B. Holloway served a barbecued dinner greatly to the enjoyment of the pastors of the city and vicinity.

While there we had fine fellowship with a great group of preachers as follows: W. A. Bell, John Barnes, W. E. Stewart, W. L. Yeatman, I. E. Rouse, H. L. Davis, O. R. Mosley, Troy Sumrall.

While in Hattiesburg Dr. Rouse showed us over the Mississippi Woman's College property. Many visitors at the Evangelistic Conference saw the home of the president after it had been beautifully redecorated. Since then the hospital has been beautifully finished, the two girls' dormitories are being redecorated in artistic fashion, beautiful colors being alternately used. The administration building is a thing of beauty, the color tones of the Baptist Building, Jackson, having been followed in it. Dr. Rouse has been showing energy, determination, economy, good sense, and so forth, in his work at this institution.

### V

#### GOING TO HELL? WHO CARES?

(Continued from last week.)

Read I Corinthians 6:9-11—"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind.

Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners shall inherit the kingdom of God.

And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

Consider the unregenerate idolator. From a common sense standpoint, why can't he be allowed in heaven? Because only God is worshipped in heav-

en, and this chap would go around falling down before Abraham, or Simon Peter, or the Apostle John. Twice in Revelation John is so overcome he starts to fall in worship before the Heavenly Messenger and each time is admonished to "Worship God." See also, Revelation 4:10—"The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne." Versus, Revelation 9:20—"And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk." "Ye must be born again."

Suppose an unregenerate adulterer should be allowed within the heavenly portals. God's saintly women will be thousands upon thousands of times more attractive there than here. The one with the beastly, unregenerate nature would try there to satisfy his fleshly desires. He won't get there in that state. "Ye must be born again."

I am reminded of the time when a partially intoxicated attorney appeared in a Federal court for his client. The judge reprimanded him, disbarred him from further practice in that court and according to the news report in the matter, the judge further asked the State Bar to disbar him. Yet some people expect God Almighty to receive into the Glory World unregenerate natures such as men will not allow in their homes, neither in their courts. What shame! "Ye must be born again."

While at the Seminary I read this story in the columns of the Cincinnati Enquirer. One wing of an insane asylum in a nearby State caught fire. The fifty inmates of that wing were rushed to the crest of a nearby hill under guard of a half dozen wardens. Firemen had rushed to the scene to try to keep the flames from destroying the main part of the great institution. The usual crowd of the curious looked on. Suddenly one of the crazy ones atop that hill separated himself from the others, rushed down the hill, pushed through the crowd and before kindly hands could stop the mad rush, he had plunged into the flames. A falling brick wall finished what the flames might not have accomplished at the moment. Someone says, "Only a crazy person would have done that." I, too, think only a poor soul mentally deranged would do a thing like that. But Jesus says, "these shall go away into everlasting punishment." Yet, men plunge on in their sin toward that destruction! Why? "As I live, saith the Lord, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked. Turn ye, O turn ye, for why will ye die?" Ezekiel 33:11. So, such teaching is not only in the imagery of Revelation.

If some lost person hears these words from the Book of Life and still resolves to push on in the ways of sin, he ought to get a bit of paper and a pencil, and write on that paper the word, "Lost! Lost! Lost!" He should put that paper with other papers of importance, so that when death steals over him and he is laid away, hands settling his estate will find this paper containing the word, "Lost! Lost! Lost!" All doubt as to his deliberately chosen doom will be settled.

"And these shall go away into everlasting punishment."

Going to hell? Who cares? Who does care? Does the liar care? Does the gambler? Does the whiskey agent care? Does the sinner by your side, whether in the church or out, care?

Going to hell? Who cares? Does the business man care? Some do. Do you? You ought to care. How much do you care?

Going to hell? Who cares? Some farmers care. Do you care? You ought to care. How much do you care?

Going to hell? Who cares? Some mothers and fathers care. Oh, how much we parents should care!

Going to hell? Who cares? God cares. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not PERISH but have EVERLASTING LIFE."—John 3:16.

Going to hell? Who cares? Jesus cares. "For He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich." II Corinthians 8:9.

Going to hell? Who cares? Some church members care. Do you care? How much do you care? What are you doing about it?

"Ye must be born again."

"Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found!  
Was blind, but now I see."

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Eastside Church, Rankin County, had an average attendance of 81 in the Vacation Bible School which was held June 1-20. The church furnished all the faculty except for two helpers, Miss Betty Valentine and Mr. Dismuke from Southside Church.—Bobbie Smith, reporter.

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John Earl Schoolar, age 17, was ordained to the gospel ministry on June 22 by the Murphy Creek Church, Winston County. Rev. E. S. Hall of New Albany, now a student at Clarke Memorial College brought the ordination sermon.

Eastside Church, Pascagoula had an average attendance of 5 in their Vacation Bible School. There were 12 workers with Miss Stella Broadus of Escatawpa acting as principal. The missionary offering amounted to \$6.00 and was sent to a missionary in Germany. There were several rededications and one profession of faith during the school.

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Dr. Will H. Houghton, president of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, since 1934, died in a Hollywood hospital at 7:45 a. m. Saturday, June 14, as a result of a sudden heart attack. He had expected to return to Institute duties the following week.



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### A New Driver

When this issue of the Baptist Record reaches its readers the editor expects to be aboard the S. S. Queen Elizabeth, somewhere on the Atlantic Ocean en route to the Baptist World Alliance.

As you have already read the details of the trip in an earlier issue we simply want to say to all who had a part in making this trip possible, "Thank you." If we knew a bigger word we would use it.

For years we have dreamed of such a trip, but thought that dreaming would be all.

In our absence the Baptist Record will be under the supervision of Miss Elizabeth Draughon, our very able assistant. If the next few issues of the Record are better than usual it will be due to the fact that we are out of the way and our capable and efficient helpers are in charge.

The Baptist Record is blessed with a group of earnest, energetic, consecrated, capable Christian workers, and while we are away we know you are going to have a treat.

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### Bettering Our Church Music

The music in the Baptist Churches of Mississippi has been improved since the beginning of our State Music Department under the direction of Secretary Luther H. Harrison.

Musicians from over the state, and from every section have been in session in Jackson this week for the State Music Conference.

The Leadership Conference began Sunday afternoon in the First Church with a Music Rally and continued through the week with daily classes under the direction of a strong corps of trained musicians.

The interest in this conference by leaders from our churches over the state will prove beneficial as they "take home" much of the information and inspiration of these days together.

How many times has your soul been stirred by the music on an instrument or by the voice of a consecrated Christian? Often the

words of the minister and of the scripture have become more real to us as we have been drawn into a worshipful attitude by music.

Truly this a worthy ministry and those who have a part in training, in being trained, and in worship from the pew are blessed because of their participation.

Sing in your heart because you are Christian, and use your voice and musical talents that others may find your Saviour through the ministry of music.

PRAISE YE THE LORD!

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### Act Now!

The kind of officers nominated in the coming primaries will determine the kind of government Mississippi has for four years beginning next January.

Too many citizens of Mississippi fail to realize the importance of careful voting. We have no candidate in mind, but do urge every voter to consider carefully every candidate. Find out how he stands on the questions that are important. Don't hesitate to ask questions. Check past performance.

If enough Mississippians want good government we can have it. The whiskey crowd and their allies, the gambling crowd, will leave no stone unturned in an effort to elect officers friendly to their business. Let those who favor law enforcement and good government work just as hard for their cause.

A little work now will be better than a lot of complaining later.—A. L. Goodrich.

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### The Task Is Unfinished

A letter from Dr. J. D. Franks before he sailed for Geneva, Switzerland, where he will enter upon the duties of his new field, expressed great interest and concern in a project that is close to his heart. This is the matter of the unfinished Baptist Student Center in Columbus, adjacent to Mississippi State College for Women. The goal for this project is \$40,000.

Our Baptists attend this school in large numbers, and through the work of the Baptist Student Union students have received training which has sent into the service of our denomination, both in the state and in large areas, consecrated students.

The potentialities of every generation of college students are unpredictable. Gifts from Mississippi Baptists have come in every week since the launching of the project according to Dr. Franks, and in May before he left they approximated \$30,000. Twenty thousand of this was a gift from the State Mission Board.

This is just a reminder that the

task is not finished. Ten thousand dollars are still needed.

If you have not made a contribution and this appeal reaches your heart, do not delay giving. And even if you have given previously, but because of the blessings of the Lord are able to give more, you will help to meet a very definite need for training the Baptist women (to be) of our state to face life and its responsibilities armed with Christian training, as well as mental, physical and social training.

Contributions may be sent to Dr. A. D. McCall, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, 105, Mississippi.

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### The Silent Preacher

The printed page has been called "the silent preacher." It is indeed the "silent preacher" both for good and bad. One has only to glance at the news stands to see the wide use to which "the silent preacher" is exploited in undesirable ways.

Christians should become alert and should double their efforts to provide a wider ministry for "the silent preachers" who do good. In a recent article by M. E. Ramay in the *Oklahoma Messenger* reprinted in the *Baptist New Mexican* the author says some pertinent things regarding the great possibilities for good as well as evil in this realm. We quote some of these remarks below:

"This silent preacher is the printed page.

"The printed page has always been a power for good or evil. The need for the printed message is as great today as it ever was. The ark of God was never carried out into a hotter battle—it was never surrounded by fiercer antagonism than it is today.

"Liquor interests, tobacco interests, movie interests use the printed page and billboards so that people may read as they run. The hellhounds of the underworld see to it that filthy magazines are in the newsstands for every boy and girl to have as they can be induced to buy.

"Modernism from professor's chair and from preacher's pulpit finds its way into every ear where it can gain an audience and into the printed page where it can gain admittance. Satan knows the power of the printed page and he is not failing to use it.

"Without waiting for people to subscribe he makes his literature available in bus stations, railway stations and in other public places where people may read and be poisoned by its pages."

### Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

### The Cardinal Looks For Trouble

If Cardinal Spellman really wants an anti-Catholic fight, he can have one. There is none now of any serious sort, and there will be none unless he and his cohorts continue the policy which he illustrated so strikingly in his speech at the Fordham University commencement. The gist of that speech (reported in the *New York Times* to the length of two columns beginning on the front page flanked by two columns more on other aspects of the Fordham commencement) is that Protestants are "waging a crusade of bigotry against the Roman Catholic Church," with "The Christian Century spearheading the attack." This is flattering but inaccurate. There is no attack. There is, however, the beginning of a spirited defense against certain aggressive policies by which Roman Catholics are trying to get for their church certain special advantages from the government. In that defense, *The Christian Century* is glad to play its part. If Cardinal Spellman sees fit to consider that resistance to any program initiated by the hierarchy is equivalent to an attack upon the Roman Catholic Church, he is creating an anti-Catholic movement by definition, and he can easily bring on a real one. The bulk of his address was devoted to discussion of the school bus issue, with collateral reference to Protestant opposition to the demand for public money for Catholic schools. On these topics he has no arguments except those that have been many times answered. The central thesis reduces to this: To refuse to give the church anything it wants is to wage a crusade against it and stir up bitterness between Catholics and non-Catholics. This is bad social philosophy, and it is equally bad Catholic theology. Canon law does indeed declare that "the church is a perfect society," but it does not say that every action performed or every plan projected in the name of the church is perfect and therefore not to be criticized. Even a Roman Catholic layman is within his rights if he opposes the use of public money for maintenance of Catholic schools or for transporting pupils to them. If he does so he will doubtless be subjected to strong pressure to make him change his mind or keep silent, but he will be attacking the church. Protestants

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# PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE MEETING

By Larston D. Farrar

Religious News Service Correspondent  
WASHINGTON, D. C.—Dr. Walter O. Lewis, secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, is now in Copenhagen for the third time in six months to complete final arrangements for the first meeting of that organization since before World War II.

In his office here, he disclosed his plans for hopes for the convention and declared that he expects it to "unite Baptists everywhere as never before."

A total of 4,200 persons, about half of them from Norway, Sweden, and Denmark, will attend the convention, which will be held July 29-August 3, at the largest hall available in the Danish city.

Seven hundred Americans, more or less, have signed up for the meeting. The largest group of these will leave on the Queen Elizabeth June 17, from New York, but many have booked passage on other ships and not a few are on the list to fly to the meeting.

About 450 persons from England and some 200 from France, the Low Countries and other parts of Europe will attend the session. Representatives will be there also from Latin America, the Far East, the Near East—in fact from virtually every nation.

A strong effort is being made to have representatives present from the Soviet Union, but Dr. Lewis will hazard no guess as to whether any will be given permission to attend. He said he has talked with Soviet authorities both here and in London and has hopes that a delegation of Russian Baptists will be on hand.

One hitherto-undisclosed fact in regard to the world meeting was learned here. It is that Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, executive secretary of the Baptist Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations, has requested permission of the Soviet Embassy to take a select group of American Baptist leaders on a tour of the Soviet Union following the meetings of the Baptist World Alliance.

Dr. Dawson refused to comment on his purported attempt to take such a party into Russia, but he did not deny that he was making such efforts.

It was learned that the names of at least 10, perhaps more, American Baptist leaders have been submitted to the Russian Embassy here and that the requests for visas has been forwarded to Moscow.

Some of the Baptists expressed themselves as being "very hopeful" that the request for the delegation's visit will be granted.

## CHURCH WOMEN

When the Women's Society of the First Congregationalist Church here asked Senator Wayne Morse (R.-Ore.), who is a Congregationalist, to speak at their annual May breakfast, they may have expected sweetness and light, but the outspoken Senator didn't emit much sweetness.

He spent his time telling the women what a job they—and other church women—have ahead of them in making Congress do better.

He charged that the Eightieth Congress is yielding to selfish economic pressure in a program that seeks "to make the rich richer and the poor poorer."

## UNKIND REMARK

He is so full of himself that he is quite empty.—Exchange.

# DR. BOWEN WILL ATTEND BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE TRIP IS GIFT OF CHURCH



Dr. Claud B. Bowen, pastor of Calvary Church, Jackson, left via plane Monday, June 30, for New York, where he sailed on the Queen Elizabeth, on July 2, for Europe and the Baptist World Alliance, which meets July 29-August 4. While in Europe Dr. Bowen will visit England, France, Switzerland, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Denmark.

Calvary Church made the trip possible by providing the expenses of the trip for their pastor.

While Dr. Bowen is away his pulpit will be supplied by denominational leaders of Mississippi and four out-of-state leaders, namely, Dr. W. W. Barnes of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, on July 6; Dr. D. A. McCall on July 13; Dr. Frank Stagg of New Orleans Seminary on July 20; Rev. James B. Parker on July 27; Harold Ingraham of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, on August 3; and Dr. Carl M. Townsend, pastor of Hayes-Barton Church, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Dr. Bowen will be back in his pulpit on Sunday, August 17.

## TRUTH

Do you wish people to speak well of you? Don't yourself.—Clipped.

The Chinese pronoun "I" is represented by two crossed swords.—Selected.

Teacher: Sammy, you know that you mustn't laugh in the school-room.

Sammy: I know, ma'am. I was only smiling and the smile burst.—Clipped.

## THE CARDINAL LOOKS FOR TROUBLE

(Continued from page 4.)

have the same right. There will not be any "crusade against the Roman Catholic Church" unless its leaders, like Cardinal Spellman, go on denouncing as anti-Catholic "bigotry" and "bias" every criticism of Catholic procedure or every word of opposition to Catholic demands for special privileges.—The Christian Century.

## EDUCATED

Teacher—Johnny, name the seasons.

Johnny—Football, basketball, and baseball.—Clipped.

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## POTPOURRI

Recent reports reveal: Seven joined a local Baptist Church from Miss. Southern, four converted and four joined the Oxford Church from Ole Miss, one-joined the Newton Church from Clarke, two won to Christ and two joined the Moorhead Church from Sunflower Jr., average attendance of 100 at vespers at Delta State where one student made profession of faith and one surrendered for definite Christian service. Mrs. Glover reports from Pearl River Jr. that after the first year of organized BSU work on the campus, the students seem to have caught the vision of the work and are planning big things for this coming year. Mrs. Glover plans to send letters of recommendation to the school's PRC graduates who are entering this fall. An excellent idea! . . . Miss Inabelle Graves Coleman writes from the Univ. of Shanghai that the money recently received from Southern Baptist students (including Mississippi, of course) made it possible to furnish not one but three rooms for "the Master's work among the students of your one and only Baptist university in China." A total of \$535.47 has been contributed to the travelling expenses of Co Griffin, our summer emissary to Hawaii. Co both wired and wrote us at Ridgecrest. Her wire: "Aloha from Honolulu praying for best student week ever." From her letter: "We started from San Francisco

about 10:15 a. m. on Monday and arrived in . . . Honolulu around 8:00 that night. At the air field we were greeted in real Hawaiian fashion by the workers and young people from the churches of Honolulu. . . Our real work begins . . . when we go to Kokahiki for the encampment. . . all of the workers from the other islands will be there. . . The group is an excellent selection of young people. . . We had a testimony meeting last night. . . We are thinking of you BSUs." Don't forget to pray often for Co and the others. . . Miss BSUs are sorry to learn that our much beloved Dr. Chester Swor suffered a broken leg in a recent automobile mishap. Reports are that he is resting and recuperating nicely, but you'll want to be praying for him. He's at St. Mary's Hospital, Athens, Ga. . . President Greene, of Clarke Memorial College, has graciously invited us to Clarke for our second annual State Pre-School Retreat. We have accepted his kind invitation and have scheduled the meeting for Aug. 21-23. Only student secretaries or faculty advisers and local BSU Presidents are invited, so far. Sorry. . . William Hall Preston says: "one's local church is by far the greatest place to serve," and I agree. Are you, college students at home for the summer, being a really effective witness for Christ in your home church and community this summer?

## CHANGES AMONG CHURCHES

By REV. LEON V. YOUNG  
Clinton, Miss.

Grady Bradford, First, Townley, Alabama.

Francis Russell Purdy, First, Lexington, Kentucky from Firts, Hammond, Indiana.

J. D. Farrell, Excel Church, Amarillo, Texas from Lone Wolf, Okla.

Hal Hunter, First, Lake Wales, Fla. Pat Wimberly, First, Bartow, Fla.

James Jones, Rosalyn Road Church, Houston, Texas.

U. S. Lucky, First, Orange, Texas from Chester.

T. E. Funderburke, Hillcrest, Tyler, Texas.

Fletcher Ervin, Calvary, Lufkin, Tex. O. R. Bowman, First, Early, Texas.

J. Loyd Mauney, First, Red Springs,

North Carolina from Pineville.

J. D. Quick Yoba Church, Durant, Okla., from Second, Ponca City.

H. P. Ashby, Garden City, Texas, from Carlsbad.

J. B. Leavell, First, San Angelo, Texas, from Texarkana.

I. J. Lloyd, College Church, McGregor, Texas, from Meridian.

James B. Sawyer, Grace Church, Louisville, Kentucky.

Lee Gallman, Second, Montgomery, Alabama.

Ralph Longshore, First, Piedmont, Alabama, from Altoona.

## GOLDEN SILENCE

Many a so-called heavy thinker has merely learned the weight of silence.—Selected.

# Help All Causes of Christ Through the Co-operative Program!

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## Department Of Temperance Activities

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Last week we published a suggested questionnaire as a guide for the summer elections. One question which should be asked every candidate for the Legislature and the Senate was omitted: Namely, "Would you vote for the repeal of the Black Market Tax law?"

Since the last report on our work we have had many interesting meetings. Our space will only permit us to list them: Monticello, Sunday morning, June 8; Silver Creek, Sunday evening, June 8; Tishomingo

County associational rally; Walnut; Blue Mountain; Tippah County associational rally; Leake County associational rally; Newton County beer campaign with three services Sunday, June 15, at Decatur, Conehatta, and Newton; and Holmes County mass meeting.

It was a pleasure to preach both services on Sunday, June 22, to the good saints of Philadelphia First Baptist Church. Dr. Johnson was away on vacation.

## Canton First Holds Unique Prayer Meet

"Family Night" is the big event in the mid-week work of the Canton First Baptist church. Recreational periods, fellowship, hobbies, Bible study and prayer combined to make the first of the "Family Night" programs popular with a great host of members of the church. Dr. John W. Landrum, pastor, included every age group of the congregation in the features offered.

The following schedule is given for the information of others who might wish to use a similar plan:

At 6:45 four activities were launched: Boy Scout Troop No. 26, children's recreation (for boys and girls six through eight), junior choir and recreation period, and the facilities of the newly established hobby shop were opened to adults.

All groups converged on the auditorium at 8 for informal service of worship with emphasis on the family. After an inspiring hymn and prayer recognition was given to the different groups present: fathers, mothers, children whose father or mother was present, and then the complete family groups. Favorite hymns of all age groups were sung after which the pastor brought an eye-appealing and soul-reaching object lesson to the children.

A session of prayer was highlighted by the participation of Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Young People and Adult age-group members of the congregation.

Dr. Landrum's message on "The Family—The Home" was an inspiration to all families to better meet their opportunities of family development. He stressed that the application of God's Word and Will within the home would solve many problems and cure many ills which exist today. He further urged a greater degree of family participation in things recreational as well as spiritual as a means of a closer fellowship within the home.

At 9 the Intermediates and Young People enjoyed a fellowship hour of games, songs and sound movies under the direction of Miss Maxie King, newly elected activities director of the church.

This "Family Night" emphasis will continue each Wednesday night as a means of strengthening family spiritual and recreational ties.

The following have been recent visitors to the office of the Baptist Record: Rev. M. Glenn Smith, Ed Fitzgerald, Ralph L. Reeves and A. C. Reeves, McComb; L. O. White, Summit, Rev. Earl Brooks, Weir; Rev. J. N. Holloway, Lucedale; Mrs. A. J. Pickens, Collins; Dr. Thos. T. Harvey, Decatur, Georgia; William Newell, Jr., Porterville; Mickey Holliman, Shuqualak; Billy and Charles Thomas, Shuqualak; Rev. Jesse L. Boyd, Jr., Shuqualak; Rev. Jesse L. Boyd, Sr., Clinton; Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Smith, Cecil, Jr. and Nina Smith, Hattiesburg; Butch Davis, Lumberton; Rev. M. D. Morton, Crystal Springs; Rev. Carey Cox, Hazlehurst; Miss Miriam Dickinson, Jackson; Miss Thelma Ashley, Jackson; Rev. and Mrs. Arthur A. Eden, Escanaba, Michigan; Rev. A. A. Ward, Lena; L. F. Wendell, Vicksburg; Dr. D. Swan Haworth, Vicksburg; Rev. G. C. Hodge, Biloxi; Rev. M. C. Whitten, Hernando; Rev. Phil J. Walker, Summit; Mrs. H. G. Locke, Ripley; Dr. Webb Brame, Yazoo City; Dr. D. M. Nelson, Clinton; Rev. H. L. Rhodes, Ackerman; Rev. Warren Walker, Jacksonville, Florida; H. M. Brooks, Mathlustin; Rev. C. B. Hamlett, III, Winona; H. C. Locke, Ripley; Rev. Kermit Canterbury, Charleston; Rev. Fred Moseley, Lucedale; W. B. Blankenship, West Point; Rev. W. F. Bisbee, West Point; Rev. J. C. Taylor, West Point; J. W. Vassar, Corinth; Rev. D. L. Hill, Corinth; Rev. H. H. Crisman, Columbus; T. T. Gooch, Oakland; Dr. J. D. Ray, Starkville; Rev. Fred B. Booker, McComb; Patricia Davis, New Albany; Rev. Kenneth G. Hall, Philadelphia; Rev. Gordon Sather, New Albany.

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### MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER

July 7—Rev. Homer W. Roberson, Trustee, Clark Memorial College; Rev. Van Hardin, Pastors' Advisory Committee, District 2, Brotherhood.

July 8—Dr. Lucy Hutchins, Blue Mountain College faculty; Dr. P. I. Lipsey, Trustee, Baptist Orphanage.

July 9—Frank Nichols, Marshall County Associational Training Union Director; Varda Smith, Union County Convention Board Member.

July 10—Pray for students serving in the state in Youth Revivals, in the Sunday School, Training Union and Music Departments, and in their home churches.

July 11—Mrs. Margaret Cox, Assistant Professor of Voice, Mississippi Woman's College.

July 13—Marion E. Davis, Music Director, District 5; N. R. McCullough, Trustee, Mississippi College.



## Department of Church Music

LUTHER A. HARRISON, Secretary



MR. RALPH YOUNG

Mr. Ralph Young, Rt. 1, Pascagoula, will be available for leading the singing in revivals throughout our state. Mr. Young is planning to give full time to this work and we should keep him busy. He is thoroughly consecrated and well-equipped in training and experience to do this work.

### STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE SUCCESSFUL

We have just completed our first State Music Leadership Conference with a great faculty and a large number of our musicians attending. We feel that much good will be accomplished by this week's work. Plans are already well under way for a greater conference next year. Plan now to send your musicians next year. It is a good investment.

### SUMMER FIELD WORKERS

On account of a late crop condition and floods many of our schools of music have had to be postponed. August is a good month for a school. Revivals are over in many places. Plan for a school in your church during August. Let us know as soon as possible in order to get you the best date and teacher.

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The Vacation Bible school at the First church in Picaune was the best in its history, with an enrollment of 255, an average attendance of 244, and a grade of 95 per cent. The commencement exercises proved highly interesting and a large crowd attended. Pastor O. P. Estes and W. Otis Seal, educational director, were greatly pleased over the good work done by the 54 members of the faculty and others who helped. There were 15 professions of faith during the school.

## Twenty-Five Years Ago

By Rev. R. A. Eddleman, Clinton  
Dr. R. B. Gunter will assist Pastor Wayne Allison in a meeting at Water Valley beginning the first Sunday in June.

Pastor C. S. Wales of Ashdown, Ark., baptized 57 and 5 others await baptism as a result of a recent meeting. He went to Arkansas from Tate St. Church, Corinth.

Dr. R. B. Gunter preached the missionary sermon at the commencement of the Baptist Bible Institute last week. Dr. John L. Johnson delivered the baccalaureate address and Dr. J. E. Dillard preached the commencement sermon.

A crowd of Mississippians, on the way to the convention occupying two Pullman cars, had a camp meeting. Brother Estes led the singing and Dr. Lipsey preached in the morning and Dr. H. L. Martin in the evening.

Prof. W. B. Kenna who has been superintendent of the Clinton Consolidated School for several years resigns to accept a similar position at Lexington. The people of Clinton gave him up with regret and those of Lexington are to be congratulated.

Rev. J. C. Richardson, who finished his degrees at Louisville Seminary in May, is the new pastor at Forest succeeding Rev. Owen Williams, who resigned to do enlistment work.

## Seventy Additions In Eight Days At Philadelphia

Dr. R. G. Lee did the preaching and Rev. J. Roy Bethune, both of Memphis, directed the music in revival services at the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia, June 1-8. Dr. Walter L. Johnson is the pastor.

There were 70 additions during the eight days, 31 on profession of faith and 39 by letter. The congregation considers it one of the greatest revivals the church has ever experienced.

For the one hundred ninety-eighth time Dr. Lee brought his famous sermon, "Pay-Day—Some Day." The audience filled the auditorium and balcony, the space under the balcony, and there were in addition some one hundred fifty to two hundred fifty people on the church lawn. It was possibly the largest crowd in the history of Philadelphia.

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Dr. J. M. Price, president of the American Association of Schools of Religious Education reports good progress made by the Association's Committee on Accreditation, which met in Nashville, Tennessee, June 19-20. Dr. Price is director of the School of Religious Education, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

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## SOUTHWIDE CHURCH MUSIC CONFERENCE

(Ridgcrest, North Carolina, August 21-29, 1947)

Eight great days of instruction, inspiration, and recreation for pastors, choir directors, song leaders, orchestra leaders, organists, pianists, teachers, students, soloists, and choir singers.

Make reservation early through Mr. Robert Guy, Ridgcrest, North Carolina. Enclose registration fee of \$1.00, check payable to Ridgcrest Baptist Assembly. For further information write

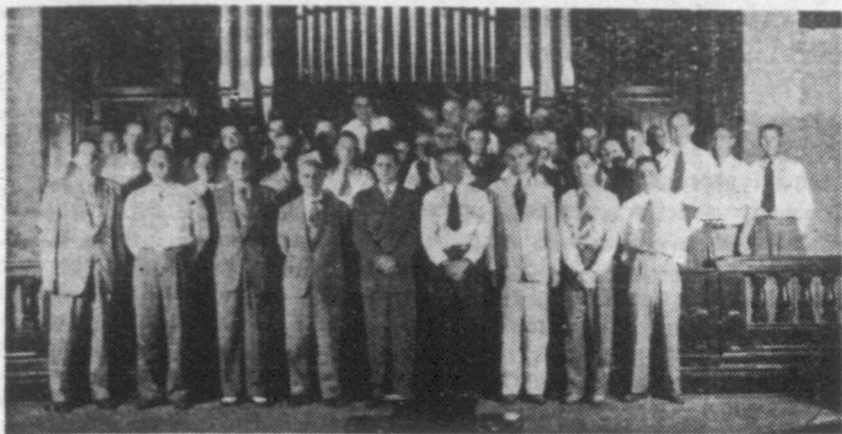
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### WEST POINT BROTHERHOOD

The Brotherhood Secretary was privileged to be with the Brotherhood of First Church, West Point, on June 17, for their regular monthly meeting. Mr. Lawson Cooke and Mr. George Schroeder from the Southwide office were both present, and Mr. Cooke brought a masterful message.

Dr. James C. Taylor, pastor of First Church, is "on the ball," and his men are backing him 100 per cent. The Brotherhood organization is patterned somewhat after Dr. Louie Newton's Druid Hills Brotherhood in Atlanta. The officers are as follows: Forrest Carpenter, president; John Wilson, program vice president; Hugh Harris, membership vice president; Newton Scofield, activities vice president; Bob McHaney, chorister; and Andy Greene, secretary and treasurer. The twenty group captains are: Robert Reid, Walter Felder, D. O. Jones, E. C. May, Sr., T. B. Gideon, S. Carter Dobbs, Clyde Dickerson, W. R. Bruce, Tommy Teasley, R. S. Fancher, Sr.,

George Campbell, Jr., William Earl Taylor, Jerry Carpenter, Lamont Ellis, Clinton Blankenship, Henry Harris, Gordon Coleman, W. C. Rothert, John McClure and P. I. Turner.

This Brotherhood has three major projects that they hope to accomplish. The first project is to place tract holders and tracts in all hotels, bus and railway stations, and to keep the tracts replaced as needed. Secondly, they plan to work through the group captains in getting all the men of the church to attend all the services of the church. The third undertaking is to have the Brotherhood prove a great help in putting over in a big way the special Tithing Campaign.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Our next State Brotherhood Convention has been set for April 1 and 2, 1948. Dr. J. D. Gray, pastor of the First Baptist Church, New Orleans, is to be the key-note speaker. Dr. Gray needs no introduction in the Southland. Please reserve these dates.

### C. E. WELCH PASSES

A. D. MUSE, Evangelist

On June 14, 1947, funeral services for Rev. Charles Edward Welch were held at the Central Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee. Evangelist A. D. Muse of Louisville, Kentucky, assisted by Rev. J. B. Burks, Supply Pastor of Central Church, and Rev. C. E. Myrick of Trinity Church, Memphis, had charge of the funeral. The deceased was well known and loved in all South Mississippi, being reared in Simpson County, educated at Steen's Creek High School (Florence), Mississippi College and the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He was active, vigorous, effective and successful as a pastor, Evangelist and Bible Conference leader up to the close of his life. He passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. L. Day, Alice, Texas, where he and Mrs. Welch had gone for a few weeks' rest.

His Mississippi pastorates were: D. Lo and Braxton, Canton, Inverness, Isola and Shaw.

Mourning his death are his companion of 53 years, Mrs. Flora Hilton Welch, eight children and one brother, George Welch of Mendenhall, Mississippi. The children are Monroe Welch of Memphis, C. H. Welch of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, George Welch of Mineral Wells, Texas. Mrs. C. L. Day, Alice, Texas; Mrs. Floyd Chaffin, whose husband is pastor of Polytechnic Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas; Mrs. G. E. Wiley, whose husband is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Grenada, Mississippi; Mrs. A. J. Florida, Osceola, Arkansas, and Mrs. Sam Williams, Blytheville, Arkansas.

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While Baptists are meeting in Copenhagen, the World Conference of Christian Youth will be held in Oslo, Norway, July 22-31.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

June 29, 1947

	SS	BTU
Jackson, Van Winkle	227	170
Jackson, Calvary	1,245	262
Jackson, Calvary including Stone St. mission	1,264	280
Jackson, Davis Memorial	286	76
New Albany	492	156
New Albany including mission	520	---
Friendship, Pike Co.	168	116
Charleston	151	73
Winona	374	---
Lucedale	231	---
West Point	341	96
Crystal Springs	492	109
Laurel, First	512	103
West Laurel	385	100

June 22, 1947

Wellman, Lincoln Co.	85	82
Centerville	108	32
Lucedale	254	58
Chalybeate	36	19
Antioch, Lawrence Co.	67	---
Arcola	107	46

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Several Blue Mountain College girls of the last session are now serving as church secretaries and educational directors as follows:

Marzie Brown, Boge Chitto, First Baptist Church, Belzoni; Barbara Loden, New Albany, First Baptist Church, Louisville; Willene Coker, Blue Springs, La Belle Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee; Kathleen Bush, Pinola, First Baptist Church, Lexington; Julia Mae Martin, Meridian, Second Baptist Church, Laurel; Patsy Cain, Laurens, South Carolina, First Baptist Church, Greenwood; Dorothy Parker, Sumrall, Calvary Church, Jackson; Lennie Powell, Mobile, Alabama, First Baptist Church, Clinton.



DR. W. R. COOPER

### Dr. W. R. Cooper To Retire Served Tylertown 13 Years

Dr. W. R. Cooper, pastor of the Tylertown Baptist Church and veteran Mississippi minister has resigned his pastorate there effective September 1, 1947.

Pastor Cooper has been the well-loved leader of the Tylertown Church for the past thirteen years, beginning his work there in 1934. He is one of the most widely known Baptist ministers in the state having held pastorates at Drew, Columbia and Blue Mountain.

A native of Morton, Miss., Mr. Cooper entered the ministry 50 years ago this coming August. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.

In 1932 he was given an honorary D.D. degree by Mississippi College.

On leaving Tylertown, Pastor Cooper plans to retire from active pastoring. At present, however, Tylertown Church continues to make many progresses in the Kingdom work under his leadership. During the month of May there were 5 additions for baptism and 6 additions by letter.

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### AUTHORITY IS FROM GOD

Mankind everywhere, and especially Christians, MUST perceive and obey NOW the voice of competent and final authority. There is no other alternative, except speedy and utter disintegration — spiritual, economic, political and social. All of us have the right to ask and the duty to know where final and competent authority is to be discerned now. I suggest the following for our earnest consideration.

Authority is understood as the absolute right, the omniscient wisdom, the undervived power and warrant of a Person to give direction and support human beings in their actions.

#### Government Is Not Absolute

Authority does not rest with the military. The military is merely a physical and psychological force to be used as a restraining factor against real and evil foes who seek to force their will upon us. The military is not a policy — making nor a promotional agency for professional militarists, bureaucrats, churchmen, or international economic czars.

Authority does not rest with the government as such. The institution of government is ordained of God and has authority over its constituents only to the extent that individuals in control of government are "just ruling in the fear of God." 2 Sam. 23:3.

#### A Spirit-Filled Leader Needed

If some man of moral grandeur, who gets his direction from God only, will appear on the political horizon and give certainty that he will make decisions on the basis of—not what the Jews want, nor Protestants, nor Baptists, nor Romanists, Labor, Industry, Communists, the South, the North, the Whites, the Negroes, the Rightists, nor the Leftists, etc.—but on the basis of WHAT IS RIGHT, WHAT GOD ALMIGHTY SAYS, we will then be headed out of the woods to sanity, stability and security.

Authority does not rest with the so-called super-intellectuals who sit in their endowed chairs of higher learning and spin fine theories on economics, politics and ethics. They don't know enough about life to enjoy their own, outside their walls of security.

Authority does not rest with, emanate from, nor is it mediated through, any one religion, denomination, or church. Any church or religious group that sets itself up as the exclusive and only competent voice of God and authority in the world is evidently composed of personnel with perverted minds and darkened souls, and led by fools or devils.

The question persists: Where is final and competent authority? It is very evident to reason and conscience (those who have no reason or conscience do not count, they are just going along for the ride) that whoever made the world and mankind has final and competent authority over the same. We can rest our minds on that. Too many people are trying to play the part of God for too many other people. They are blinded by sin and fear and the result is chaos—as we so well know and see. God created the world and man. He has all authority, and He is able to control wisely and lovingly all creation. You may rest your soul on that. He has delegated all authority to His Son. Then who is competent to reveal and make available the mind and purpose of the Son? Who is competent to make effective this authority now? Only those who love Him supremely and have an unconditioned love for all men. The words and will of Christ are clearly set forth in the Holy Scriptures, the Bible.

#### We Have A Choice

The conclusion is that competent, final, and absolute authority—as regards its revelation, availability and mediation—not its enforcement—is vested in men and women of moral grandeur, who know the Word of God and interpret it under the personal guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Such men and women speak for God. Millions of such persons have been speaking for God these many generations. Yet the race goes madly on to doom, led by insane devils who are bent on thwarting God. Make no mistake about it, we will be ruled by God and God's men, or by Satanic tyrants. The choice is before us now.

#### Obey God Now!

God does not make recommendations, He issues commands! These commands must be made clear, they must be obeyed NOW. Ye holy men of God speak NOW, being moved by the Holy Spirit. Let there be no wavering. If God moves you, if your life is beyond reproach, if "for you to live is Christ", speak with authority now. You will be heard. God will be heard. Our nation will be spared. May God give us time and space for repentance, while you speak!

—BR—

D. G. Ward Fenley, Editor, Baptist New Mexican, has resigned to accept the position of Director of Public Relations, University of New Mexico.



## GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13c and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that they profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

### NICHOLSON CHURCH HELPS

Nicholson Church, Pearl River County, doesn't do things by halves. Recently a renewal list of 44 names was sent in by William J. Downes, Jr. Record readers in Pearl River County are now listed as follows:

Bethel 62, Carriers 3, Goodyear 77, Juniper Grove 82, Napoleon 28, New Palestine 22, Nicholson 49, Picayune First 276, Pine Grove 72, Poplarville First 155, Union 45, Spring Hill 1, McNeil 1, New Henley Field 41, Derby White Sand 12, Harmony 35, Roseland Park 35, West Union 25, Ozona 10.

### INDIAN SPRINGS IS NO. 868

Indian Springs is number 868 on the growing list of EVERY FAMILY churches. Rev. Varney Moss is the pastor.

Recently a list of 25 names was sent in by the pastor.

Jones County now has Record readers listed as follows:

Beulah 80, Beacon, Laurel 177, Centerville 36, County Line 50, Ellisville 130, Estabutchie 3, Harmony 45, Fairfield 6, Laurel First 549, Laurel, Second Avenue 277, Lowrey Creek 22, Mosselle 77, Mt. Oral 39, Overt 44, Pine Grove 53, Sand Hill 25, Sharon 44, Calvary 15, Friendship 2, Shelton 39, Summerland 40, Tucker's Crossing 32, West Laurel 169, Pleasant Home 1, South Laurel 39, Bethlehem 62, Sandersville 45, New Hope 25, Indian Springs 34, Fellowship 18, Hebron 18.

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places of England and expect people to listen to him, not in ordinary fashion, saying, "Now, brethren, we will take point number one," because by the time point number one had started, the crowd had gone. So he decided there must be new ways of getting a crowd. And he thought and thought, and one of his ideas was to stick an ordinary umbrella between the cobblestones of the Big market place, and as the umbrella stood by itself he put his hands behind his back and he would walk around the umbrella, just looking at the ground, just walking around and around the umbrella for thirty minutes. In that time he had five hundred curious people looking over to see what he was doing. Then he got up on the pulpit and he would talk to them. That was something he had to do to get a crowd. It was an idea.

Occasionally the devil helped him. Some fellow would come up and say, "Hey, mister, you know so much, tell me who was Cain's wife?" That's the usual stock question in the open air. My father would say, "What was that you said, my friend?" "I said, who was Cain's wife?" Of course, my father heard him the first time, but he wanted the people to hear him too. And so he said to him, "Won't you come a little closer, my friend?" The man would come a little closer to the gospel wagon and the crowd would surge with him. They anticipated a fight, and you know how a crowd loves a fight. And as they came rolling toward this platform, my father would say, "Now, my friend, once again, what was that question?" "I said, who was Cain's wife? You know so much about the Bible." And my father would say, "Are you a married man?" The fellow nine times out of ten would say, "yes." Then dad would say, "You look after your own wife. It is

none of your business where Cain got his." All right, it was a matter of a new idea, but it got a crowd and it was perfectly legitimate.

My brother and I think we have put forth some new ideas. When he started out with me twenty-seven years ago, I said to him, "If you will play great music, I'll give you an audience that will listen to it. Who ever heard of a revival meeting where a pianist sits down and plays Chopin and Bach and Beethoven and the great works of the masters? But some of the biggest sinners in town come to hear him play, but brother, they never get to hear him play without having to hear me preach, whether they like it or not. See? So as Paul says, we catch them with guile. In 1936 I first started to take movies. I've been using them ever since. Some people think they are good. Thousands of people come to see them, but they have to hear me preach first. I show no movies until I'm all through preaching. Consequently, we are using new ideas. Then there are some people who will even come to see a whistling preacher. A lot of people thing it's undignified, but friends, they come to listen to the message, and they hear it through new ideas.

### Houston Revival

In the Southern Baptist Convention we have had a demonstration of that in the last year or two in the great youth revivals. I was down with my friend Boyd Hunt in the First Baptist Church of Houston last fall, and they told me of the great youth revival those young people of Texas put on down there. Those kids went down and took that great auditorium of the First Baptist Church which has 2,350 chairs (not ministerially speaking) and as they looked over that vast sea of chairs these young people said, "We'll fill 'em," so they got together. How were they going to fill them? They had no big-name preachers, they had no program except their own enthusiasm and their love for Christ. But they had ideas! Thank God for kids with ideas! They went down to the editors of the newspapers and they sat in conference with them. They went to the owners of the papers and they said, "Now look, you say that you are concerned about juvenile delinquency. All right, we want to do something about it. We'd like to reach the young people of this town for Christ." What did the newspapers do? The newspapers gave those young people \$10,000 worth of free advertising! Half page, whole page ads, advertising these young people and their Christian work. Now these young people didn't have that kind of money, but they packed that old First Church to the roof, and these boys and girls demonstrated that young people with an idea can still get folks to come.

### Jesus Meant What He Said

And so I believe that Jesus meant what He said, even to us. "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel men to come in." This is a highly neglected field, my fellow Baptists, and it's a field where streamlined methods will work. I should like to see the Southern Baptist Convention buy and equip a whole fleet of gospel trailers, such as the Army uses to recruit men for the Army. Let's spend a few thousand dollars putting loud-speakers and record players and movie equipment. Do you not realize that literally millions of Americans now live in trailer camps? And almost no one touches them with the gospel. Multiplied millions of people live in county seat towns and smaller towns all over this great land, and the open-air gospel trailers would attract them by the thousands. That's a streamlined method with a new idea, and just a suggestion. Some preachers, when they hear this, say, "Oh, we don't need that. Are we not the most evangelical of all the great denominations? Our methods have always worked. We don't need to try anything new." My brethren, we are kidding ourselves. The war psychology is over.

The churches are going to have an uphill fight from now on; not only are we going to find out that the faithful are responding less and less to the usual

methods, but is it not true already that in most of our revivals the crowds between Sundays are getting smaller and smaller until they are so small in some places that, when the preacher says, "Dearly beloved," the old maids positively blush. That's how small some crowds are going to be.

May I remind you, brethren, that you not only have to contend with all the other methods of competition before us, but you now have to face television. It's already here. What are we going to do in five years, when folks can sit at home and see the preacher preaching, see the choir singing, see the usher take up the collection and never put in a dime? Brother, you've got to face the fact that it's going to be an uphill battle from now on. See then the necessity for streamlining our methods.

Some people say to me, "But, preacher, we are a respectable denomination now, and we want to streamline our methods, but how can we do it without being thought unusual, spectacular, or queer?" You can't! Jesus was all of these things. When He went and drove the money-changers out of the temple, don't you think that was spectacular? You open the eyes of a blind man—you'll get a crowd. What about Paul! When Paul went to preach on Mars Hill, did he get up and give the usual evangelistic sermon? He did not! He said, "Gather around, boys; I notice you spend all your lives searching out for new gods. You've got gods to birds, gods to fishes, gods to this, gods to that. Coming down the road the other day, I saw you had a sign saying 'To the Unknown God,' fellows, that's the one I've come to tell you about. Just gather 'round!' That was a new approach, and they listened to hear the story of some unknown god. Furthermore, the Bible tells us that when Paul went to hold a revival in a town, he created an uproar and the whole town came to arrest him and chuck him in jail. You get arrested and chucked in jail a few times—you'll get a crowd, beloved. That's spectacular and unusual.

Furthermore, when John and Charles Wesley started out, don't you realize that congregational singing at that time was a great novelty and an oddity? But they went along just the same and managed to get into fights and riots—but crowds heard them. Roger Williams was kicked out of Boston and forbidden to return, and not until three hundred years later did the Boston City Council

solemnly withdraw the injunction and say he could come back now.

When you, my brethren, create such antipathy toward the preaching of the gospel, believe me you'll get a crowd.

Now this does not mean that we will have to violate moral principles or that we have to throw away the ethics of decency, but it does mean that in our streamlined methods we may have to violate some people's stuffy habits, and sanctimonious prejudices. Think, my friend, how can I reach my town? And when you go back to your town, sit there and ask God to give you a new idea, and then "Do what you can, being what you are. Shine like a glowworm, if you can't like a star. Act as a pulley if you can't as a crane. Be a wheel-greaser if you can't drive the train." But do something! That's the first suggestion.

### Trained Men

The second suggestion is: If we are going to have a future in mass evangelism, we must have specially trained men for the job. Though I have lectured on evangelism to many seminaries, I have never found an accredited institution of any denomination that has any specific training toward evangelism.\* Yet here is a work that scripturally is rated not only important, but before the pastorate. The Bible says, though you brethren don't often quote it correctly, "God provided some evangelists, some pastors and teachers." And the reason the evangelist is put first is because, my brethren, if you don't evangelize you haven't got anything "to pastor." It's necessary to evangelize!

The churches were built by itinerant preachers. The apostles, the church fathers, the reformation leaders, the builders of America, were overwhelmingly itinerant preachers. And yet we provide no training ground for this vital work, and we wonder why so few competent, God-honored men are strictly in the evangelistic field today.

Out in Los Angeles where I live, the churches just held a great meeting. Two hundred churches co-operated. One of my good friends did the preaching. He knows nothing about evangelism as we understand it. He's a very brilliant orator, he's a great preacher, and they put on a big program, and they were going to have cultural evangelism. None of this sensational stuff, none of this "new idea" stuff—it was to be done with dignity. So they took the Shrine Auditorium with over 6,000 chairs, had two hundred churches co-operating, one of the

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## B. T. U. NOTES

"As a violin needs a player  
As a temple needs a plan,  
As a painter needs a canvas,  
Is the need of God to man."

## THE LIFE THAT COUNTS

The life that counts must toil and fight;  
Must hate the wrong and love the right;  
Must stand for truth by day and night;  
This is the life that counts.

The life that counts must aim to rise  
Above the earth to sunlit skies;  
Must fix its gaze on Paradise  
That is the life that counts.

The life that counts must helpful be;  
In darkest night make melody;  
Must wait the dawn on bended knee—  
That is the life that counts.

The life that counts must helpful be;  
The cares and needs of others see;  
Must seek the slave of sin to free—  
This is the life that counts.

—Author unknown.

We add this verse:

The life that counts must have the skill  
To know and do the Master's will;  
Must serve forgetting heat or chill;  
That is the life that counts.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(1) Juniors, (2) all others.  
Sun. (1) Mark 1:40-45; 2:1-5, (2) Luke 1:15-25.  
Mon. (1) Mark 2:6-13, (2) Matt. 3:1-11.  
Tu. (1) Mark 2:14-22, (2) Mark 1:1-7.  
Wed. (1) Mark 2:23-28, (2) John

3:22-29.

Tr. (1) Mark 3:1-13, (2) Matt. 14:1-10.

Fri. (1) Mark 3:14-19, (2) Matt. 11:7-15.

Sat. Sunday School Lessons.

## THIRD WEEK DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

The third week of District Conventions proved great and the last meeting, Batesville, proved a good climax for the series of fifteen meetings. On the whole we feel that these conventions this year were perhaps a little above par. We still think of them as the best single effort we put forth in the matter of promoting Training Union work. One reason for this decision is that all through the year our unions are promoting the drills and contests that make up a good part of the program for these conventions. Grateful thanks to all leaders.

Officers for the conventions held June 16-20 are as follows: (Figures represent district (10) President, Rev. R. Y. Gerrard; Vice Pres., Rev. V. C. Windham; Secretary, Mrs. J. R. Lawson; Leader, Mrs. George Smith, 1948 meeting, Raleigh. (9) President, Rev. C. O. Estes; Vice Pres., Mr. V. R. Netherland; Secretary, Mrs. Violet White; Leader, Miss Ruth Rimmer, 1948 meeting, 1st Canton. (2) President, Mr. J. L. Jenkins; Vice Pres., Rev. Dan Morton; Secretary, Miss Helen McCool; Leader, Mrs. Edna Mae Burns, Skene. 1948 meeting, Skene. (3) President, Rev. A. T. Engell; Vice Pres., Rev. J. A. Wade; Secretary, Miss Mildred Sepp; Leader, Mrs. Taylor Howard. 1948 meeting, 1st Greenwood. (4) President, Rev. J. F. McCrary; Vice Pres., Mr. Charles Lewis; Secretary, Mrs. F. J. Dean; Leader, Miss Ruby Moore. 1948 meeting, Marks.

ous sort, and there will be none unless he and his cohorts continue the policy which he illustrated so strikingly in his speech at the Fordham University commencement. The gist of that speech is that Protestants are waging a crusade of bigotry against the Roman Catholic Church, with The Christian Century spearheading the attack."

The Christian Century asserted that "even a Roman Catholic layman is within his rights if he opposes the use of public money for the maintenance of Catholic schools for the transporting pupils to them."

"If he does so," the magazine added, "he will doubtless be subjected to strong pressure to make him change his mind or keep silent, but he will not be attacking the Church. Protestants have the same right."

"There will not be any 'crusade against the Roman Catholic Church' unless its leaders, like Cardinal Spellman, go on denouncing as anti-Catholic 'bigotry' and 'bias' every criticism of Catholic procedure or every word of opposition to Catholic demands for special privileges."

—BR—

Jack Perkins, native Mississippian and formerly Director of Music and Education in First Church, Hattiesburg, and First Church, Columbus, has accepted the position of Educational Director of Fifth Avenue Church, Knoxville, Tennessee. He began his work on June first. Dr. Frank W. Wood is pastor of the Knoxville Church.

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most brilliant men in America preaching, and they told me themselves that they did well to average 1,000 people a night. What's wrong? The man was not trained for the job. Let Southern Baptists, my friends, put a chair of evangelism in all of our seminaries. Let someone write a textbook dealing with the preparation, the visitation, the personal work, the advertising, the radio, the music, the finance, the pastor's problems, the social problems, the follow-up work of mass evangelism, and then we can send men out trained to do the job under the Southern Baptist banner, and we'll not be ashamed to call them evangelists of Jesus Christ. Let's do that. Shall we?

## A Passion For Souls

And my third and final suggestion is that if mass evangelism is to survive tomorrow, we must have a passion for individual souls. William Warren Sweet in his great book, "Revivalism in America," said, "One of the principal reasons revivalism is on the wane among larger evangelical churches is because in the last fifty years American churches have grown less and less interested in the individual and more and more interested in causes." He deplores this, and says, "When Charles Sumner told Julia Ward how that he was no longer interested in individuals, only in causes, the writer of The Battle Hymn of the Republic replied, 'God almighty has not gone that far yet.'" Let Southern Baptists remember that God has not gone that far that He is only interested in causes, and not in individuals. We are interested in individuals, but do we really care? Are we really concerned about broken homes, about disintegrated lives, about bewildered, unhappy, selfish, sinful folk? Or are we becoming professionals, only interested in denominational causes and numerical additions to our churches?

If one soul is worth the world to God, my fellow Baptists, how much is one soul worth to us? Let other churches assume an emotional indifference to the individual, but let Southern Baptists be unashamed to weep for men's sins, let them not apologize for righteous indignation against evil, let them not be afraid of criticism of emotion and people saying that emotionalism only appeals to the lower classes. Let us observe, as Dr. Sweet said, that emotion has been so completely out of present day evangelical worship that people are becoming emotionally starved. One reason the movies are so popular is because there one can be as emotional as one pleases. It is dark, and tears are not noticed. That's why many people go, for a good cry, or a good laugh. Let other people call Southern Baptists fanatics and cranks because they believe in mass evangelism with its special appeal to the individual, remembering, as someone has said, that it is the cranks that turn the world.

Let Southern Baptists never forget that the churches with the largest membership in America are those that have profited most from mass evangelism. And I boldly make the statement as I bring this message towards its conclusion that the future of mass evangelism is largely in the hands of Southern Baptists. We have the organization; we have the technique, and please God we have the passion. Other great denominations are realizing their lack. They are watching Southern Baptists. If we can prove to them in this post-war world that mass evangelism works, that millions of individuals can be reached by Christ through the masses, that revivalism is still a major influence in American society, that it raises moral standards in countless communities, that it reaches down into the lowest depths of society, that it enlarges church membership and increases the impact of religion on American life, then they will follow our leadership, and America, I honestly believe, can have another great awakening. And I say it thoughtfully and I say it earnestly, that the man who has given all of his life to evangelism knows the

north, the southeast and the west. God will hold us responsible for our leadership in this matter. The eyes of the religious world are upon us. The eyes of Satan are watching us. The eyes of the Lord Jesus are urging us on. What shall we do? Garibaldi, the great Italian statesman, said to a group of young men standing on the street corner, "Follow me," and they said, "What have you to offer?" He said, "Offer? I have nothing to offer you but footsores in the weary marches, aching muscles, tired bodies, hunger and thirst and privation, but in the end, victory in the greatest cause that ever challenged young men—Freedom!" And they followed him. Oh, my fellow Baptists, Christ calls us to an even greater cause, and He offers us a cross to bear and a fight to wage and a crown to win, but the crown is so glorious and the future is so filled with possibilities! We dare not fail Him now!

How many of you will answer the call as it is revealed in this song:

Hark! The voice of Jesus calling,  
Who will go and work today?  
Fields are white and harvest glowing,  
Who will bear the sheaves away?  
Loud and long the Master calleth,  
Rich reward He offers thee.  
Answer quickly, saying gladly,  
"Here am I, send me, send me."

Let none hear you idly saying,  
"There is nothing I can do,"  
While the souls of men are dying,  
And the Master calls for you.  
Take the task He gives you gladly,  
Let His word your pleasure be,  
Answer quickly when He calleth  
"Here am I, send me, send me."

\*Dr. Head later courteously corrected this statement by telling about the Department of Evangelism at Southwestern.

—BR—

Professor James Malcolm Boswell, who has been acting president of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky, since the retirement of Dr. J. L. Creech, who was president for more than twenty years, has been elected president by the Board of Trustees. Mr. Boswell has been with the college since 1931 except for the 1938-39 session which he spent at the University of Kentucky, and for the 38 months when he was on active duty with the U. S. Naval Reserve.

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## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell  
Lesson for July 6

### A MAN WHOSE NAME WAS JOB. The Book of Job.

I. The Times, the Man and the Book. When did Job live? There have been various answers proposed to this question. I think Job lived in such a state of society as did Abraham. There is nothing in the book to indicate that the hero of his friends knew of the Mosaic legislation, and the society described in the book is on such character as that in which the patriarchs lived—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob.

The man was a hero. Standing alone, deserted by his friends, ridiculed by his wife, made the plaything of the devil and apparently forsaken by God, he yet defied a darkening universe to quench his immortality or shake his faith in the righteousness of God.

The book is in the dramatic form. And this fact has been urged against its historicity. What, then, is the dramatic form? It is the form in which men live and act and speak. The writer of drama does his best to portray life, and he who best portrays life is the best writer of drama, which is another way of saying that real life is the best foundation of drama, nay, is the best drama. So the fact that the book is in dramatic form rather strengthens than weakens the opinion that Job was a real man, alive and conscious of what went on within him and about.

What of the book as literature? Among the greatest writers of our race, the book of Job takes a rank as lofty as that of any other product of the genius of man, and loftier than that of any other mind untouched by the Spirit of God.

II. Quality and Early Condition. Don't know where Job lived. The early readers of the book no doubt knew, and many people think it was east of southern Palestine and west of the Euphrates. But the names of those countries are changed again and over. Take the name "Palestine" for instance. How old is that name? Anyway, that land has been mapped under a number of different names during historical times. Same way with cities. Used to be a city named Byzantium, then the Emperor changed its name to Constantinople and now the Turks have named it something else, but I am not sure I can spell it. But in this lost land of Uz lived Job, a man whose set of soul, where principle of life led him to avoid the evil and choose the good. He was perfect in the sense that his face was always toward the seat of God.

He got along well, as we love to see a good man get along. He was wealthy and in favor by the people who knew him well.

Job was happy in his children. They were worthy offspring of a good father and he took pride in them.

In this condition calamity struck him and he was dazed by the fact of it, for he believed that God always visited blessings upon the head of the good man, and Job's definition of blessings would certainly include material blessings. Job and his friends all thought that continued prosperity and material success always attended the actions of a good man, and that the contrary attended the footsteps of the wicked man. If you "Yes."



Rev. James H. Fairchild, Jr.

### Fairchild Accepts Collins Pastorate — Begins July 12

Rev. James H. Fairchild, who has served for the past 17 months as associational missionary for Warren County, will begin his work as pastor of Collins Church on July 12.

Mr. Fairchild is a native of Wesson, and a graduate of Mississippi College and the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. During his student days he was pastor of Kirkwood Baptist Church and between his first and second years at the Seminary served as pastor of the Wesson Church and taught New Testament at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College.

Woodlawn and Immanuel Churches and a strong in Warren County have been established under the leadership of the Rev. Fairchild. Woodlawn Church has erected an \$18,000 building.

Mrs. Fairchild is the former Frances Felder of McComb. She was educated at Mississippi College and the W.M.U. Training School, Louisville, Kentucky.

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The many friends of Dr. T. F. Harvey, who retired from the active pastorate of Gordon Street Church, Atlanta, Georgia, because of ill health, will be glad to know of his complete recovery. Dr. Harvey was formerly pastor of the First Church, Hattiesburg. Any church needing a supply or an interim pastor may write Dr. Harvey at 512 S. McDonough Street, Decatur, Georgia.

—BR—

Dr. M. E. Dodd plans to visit Southern Baptist mission fields in Africa and South America after meeting of the Baptist World Alliance.

see a man having trouble, his very trouble, whatever he may say about it, is proof positive that he has done evil. So Job's friends would not believe that Job had not done evil sufficiently gross to merit all the evil that was being visited upon him.

Job had no doubt believed just as his friends did up to the time the strokes fell upon him. But he could not make his theory square with his experience: he knew he had not consciously embraced wickedness, but here he was suffering as he had up to now believed that only the evil-doers would be forced to suffer.

But a still higher purpose seems to me to be served by the books than just an attempt to present the problems of human suffering. Let us put the problem in the form of a question: Is there a service of God which is higher than any consideration of reward? Is there a loyalty to God, a heart-hunger after God so great as to be able to survive all loss and all chastisement? The answer of Job is

## DOROTHY PAGE

CHAPTER XVI  
Sterling Scores

At this time Sterling found it necessary to take a trip through the West visiting his branch houses. It was a doleful trip for him. The spell of Dorothy was on him and he had never realized how dependent he was on her being near him. It was with a happy step that he bounded from the train at the end of his trip and hastened home with the thought of seeing her that evening.

Dorothy could hardly have explained it, but things had not seemed just right during Sterling's absence. That she was missing him she had not admitted to herself, but it is a fact that she found herself looking forward to his return with eager pleasure.

Each day Sterling sought an excuse for a few words with her. If he could not make an engagement for a tennis game or an automobile ride in the country he would ask for a drive with her on one of her rounds of visiting among her scholars. In fact, it was one of his greatest treats to go with her on such visits. He was sure that no lovelier sight had ever been presented than that of Dorothy in her happy ministrations to her scholars. She found comfort in confiding to him her plans regarding her class and her church, and in them he was keenly interested. Many of his suggestions were helpful to her.

He told her one day his convictions as to Bible doctrines were the same as hers, that the investigations through which they had gone had brought him to that point, but that he did not think that was a reason for his abandoning the church in which he had spent all his life—the church in which there had been a long line of his ancestors before him. He said he expected to remain there and work, but that he would feel free to state his convictions wherever he thought it proper, and he would rejoice if the day should ever come when his church would see and abandon its error.

When Sterling found it necessary again to be absent—this time for a week—Dorothy found herself counting the days until his return. The sympathetic interest that he had shown in her new experience had made his company very acceptable. She started a game of tennis with her brother on the third afternoon after Sterling's departure, but she soon grew tired of the game and announced that she must do some visiting, and she immediately set out for the homes of her scholars. Sterling cut short his trip and arrived home on the third day after his departure. As he went speeding up to his office from the depot he espied Dorothy on the street. What a shock she received as she saw him stepping out of the machine to greet her.

"I know what you are up to!" he exclaimed. "You are off on another one of those angel visits to your neglected ones, and you must let me go with you. My machine will enable you to make twice as many of them happy as you could with your walking."

Dorothy yielded to his insistent invitation and she found herself whirled along to the other section of the town; and after the visit Sterling headed the machine for a spin into the country.

Thus the days sped by, but there

was never a day on which Sterling was not with Dorothy. Into his ear she told all her experiences and her plans in her new church life.

Sterling was called away one morning by a telegram to Louisville. Dorothy knew nothing about it, and when he did not appear on the tennis grounds that afternoon, and she had not yet heard anything from him, she thought it strange; and when bedtime came and still no news, she was first surprised and then resentful that he should act in such neglectful fashion. When she heard nothing from him on the next day she found herself nervous and uneasy. She could not get her consent to make inquiries about him, and when she retired that night it was with a headache.

She was standing in her front porch next morning when her automobile dashed up to his gate and Sterling stepped out. He saw her and hurried over and gave her an almost hilarious greeting. He noticed an apparent reserve in her manner, and yet the thought passed from his mind.

"It seems like a small century since I saw you, Dorothy. A telegram pulled me off for Louisville early Tuesday morning, and from that moment until I boarded the train I have been in a mad dash to finish my work and get back, and I tell you I am prodigiously happy to be here."

If Dorothy had studied his eyes during the last remark she might easily have read the reason for his desire to return.

"And now I must make up for lost time. I have had no pleasure ride since I left and I must have one this afternoon. Don't deny a dilapidated traveler the pleasure, but be ready at two-thirty for a ride, and after that for a tennis game." Before she could give her answer he decided it for her and told her that he would be on hand at the time mentioned.

For two hours that afternoon they sped along the country road in happy converse. In fact, their ride was lengthened into nearly three hours. That evening found him again at her side. The clock struck eleven. He had started to leave a half hour before the time, and still he lingered. Suddenly he turned his eyes upon her and said:

"Dorothy, do you know why I dashed through my Louisville trip at such break-neck speed this week?"

"Why, you had to get back to your business, did you not?"

"Dorothy, it was you that pulled me back, and I tell you there can be no real life for me without you, and I must have you mine forever. From the first moment of our meeting I have been yours. God intended us for each other."

"You speak very confidently," she said with a smile, but with her heart filled with a strange new happiness.

"Speak, Dorothy, do we not belong to each other?"

"I do not deny it."

Never had the town witnessed a more beautiful marriage than that of Dorothy Page and Gilbert Sterling. That was the verdict of the people when the blissful pair smiled their adieus at the depot and moved off on their wedding tour.

It amounted to a sensation when the rich Presbyterian elder severed his connection with his great church and joined the Baptists. It meant a bright era for the Baptist church. Before a year rolled around a handsome new building had been erected on a commanding lot in the center of

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### VBS REPORTS COMING IN FAST

These Vacation Bible school reports have come in since our last listing: Old Oak Grove, Beaumont, New Hope in Lauderdale, Poplar Springs Drive, Artesia, Roseland Park, West Point, Friendship in Pike, Perkinston, Bouie St., Irene Chapel, Sumrall, Purvis, Fernwood, Hickory, Sallis, McLain, Mt. Olive Negro, Carthage, Columbia First, Parker's Chapel.

Bay Springs, New Augusta, Decatur, Seminary, State Line, Summit, West Poplarville, McCool, Janice, Grenada First, Louisville First, Mayhew, Morton, Prentiss, Beacon St., Philadelphia, Enterprise, Trinity Fulton, Clinton, Wallerville, Batesville, Bethel in Pearl River, Chunky.

Harrisville, Potts Camp, Olive Branch, Kosciusko Second, Booneville, Belzoni, Tupelo First, Ellisville, Mt. Pleasant in Prentiss, Louin, Nicholson, Crane Creek, Pleasant Hill in Tippah, Palmer in Tippah, Mt. Moriah, Harmony in Tippah, Enon in Panola, Bucatunna, Crowder, Myrtle, Martin, Benoit.

Hazlehurst, Harrisburg, Columbus Calvary, Pleasant Hill in Greene, Southside Meridian, Aberdeen, Forest, Valley Park, Tunica, Louisville South, Marion, Ruleville, Bunker Hill, Kil-michael, Hollandale, Lula, Brookhaven First, McComb East.

### Send Them In Early

Be sure to send in your VBS reports as soon as the school closes. If you do not, there is a big chance that they will be greatly delayed, or not even sent in at all.

Therefore, please send them in immediately after the school closes.

### August 25-29 Clinic

Don't forget the Sunday School Clinic here in Jackson the week of August 25-29. It is for Administrative

workers primarily, but any may come. Transportation and a registration fee of \$2.00 will be the only cost to 100 out-of-town guests. Many have already signed up but some places are yet open.

Write at once if you want to get in on that plan.

### Louin VBS a Real Blessing

Listen to this from Mrs. R. J. Sweetman, the pastor's wife at Louin:

"The Lord gave us a very gracious school here at Louin, with 83 enrolled and an average attendance of 65. Ten children were genuinely saved. Many folk say their only regret is that the school does not last all summer. Interest was high all through the school. Our pastor held personal interviews with the boys and girls at their request.

"On the last day we went to a beautiful grove and held a big picnic that was a huge success, with lots and lots to eat and plenty of cold lemonade, with various games played that all enjoyed so much.

"On Friday night we had our commencement exercises with brief department programs, handwork display, and closed with a beautiful and impressive baptismal service of the boys and girls who had accepted Christ during the Vacation school.

"We feel that it was a real revival, and thank all who helped make it so. We have schools at Montrose and Tedd later this summer."

This splendid testimony bears out what we have thought and said many times; namely, that we lose one of our major opportunities if we do not have a Vacation Bible school each summer.

So, plan one for your church this summer, if you have not already done so. There is yet ample time for having a good one. Write us for a package of the free promotional literature.

## Van Winkle Youth Week Uses 100

More than 100 young people of Van Winkle Church, of which Rev. Herman A. Milner is Pastor and Bill Lowe is Educational Director, participated in YOUTH WEEK, June 22-27.

There were five conversions, two rededications, and four additions by letter. All members of the church were spiritually uplifted, as well as the young people who participated.

During the week special music was rendered by Willene Weatherall, Bill Lowe, Evans Grimillion, Carrie Richardson, Imogene Henderson, the Junior Choir, the Girls' Ensemble, and the Young People's Choir.

The following were the speakers for the evenings: Sunday, Bobby Clegg; Monday, Lamar Bishop; Tuesday, Howard Stevens; Wednesday, Ludie Magers; and Thursday, Lamar Bishop, all of whom are members of and were licensed to preach by Van Winkle Church. Julius James, a converted Jew, who is now studying at Clarke College, gave his life story at the final service Friday night. The congregation was inspired by his wonderful testimony for Christ. He urged all the young people to give up the things of this world, their families as he has done if necessary, to serve the Master.

## No Infants Baptised At Hutchinson, Kansas

At the St. Louis Convention many of us were amazed to read a little pamphlet handed out by representatives of the "Kansas Convention of Southern Baptist Churches," headquarters at Wichita, Kansas, copying a paragraph from *The News-Herald* of Hutchinson, Kansas 5 April, 1947. This referred to an alleged "baptismal service for infants and small children" at the First Baptist Church, Hutchinson. It just didn't make sense.

So we are gratified to read in the *Religious Herald* an exchange of letters where this pastor explains that the paragraph was not true to the facts. The newspaper reporters, not up on Baptist practices, had listed his services in a routine series of Easter announcements and, since so many of the local churches were having baptismal services for infants on that day, this was tagged onto the Baptist announcement.

The pastor at first did not have the item corrected, thinking that more explanation would bring even less satisfaction. But so much has been made of it that he has asked the paper for a correction and his Baptist friends to learn the facts. It is regrettable that our brethren of the Kansas Convention leaped before they looked.—Alabama Baptist.

## Dr. Bryan Simmons Visits Mississippi Woman's College

It has been my privilege to visit Mississippi Woman's College recently and I want to pass on some impressions I got. After an encouraging talk with President Rouse, he carried me through the buildings. This was quite a revelation. The work being done indicates good counsel, prayerful and careful study, and practical experience. There are evidences of economy, durability and attractiveness. Judging from the portions that have been completed, I am led to believe that when the task is finished this will be one of the most substantial school plants to be found anywhere. No attention has yet been given to the improvement of the grounds and they are not very attractive; but this will come in due time. Then the campus will be very inviting: with oaks and pines giving a fitting setting to the rehabilitated buildings.

References to faculty members indicate scholarship, successful experience and Christian integrity. The young ladies who go to Mississippi Woman's College this fall will be comfortably and conveniently housed, and have their instruction and social life directed by competent, conscientious, Christian leaders. The college will soon be restored to its rightful place among Mississippi Baptist Institutions.

President Rouse and his co-workers are endeavoring to conserve as much as possible of the property of the college and prepare it for the very best service. My judgment is that they are making every dollar count for the most possible and donors will be pleased with the fruits of their investments. Every effort is being made to steel clear of debt and at the same time get the property in the very best shape for the September opening. Any one having money for the college should send it immediately. Anyone proposing to contribute should be encouraged to do so now. Any one wanting to make a safe investment in Christian Education of the Baptist type in South Mississippi would do well to investigate Mississippi Woman's College. Parents, of South Mississippi especially, with daughters ready for college would do well to consider the merits of this college in making their selections.

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## Her Love Of Lord Guides Behavior Of Centenarian

Nashville, Tenn.—(BP)—Jennie Polk Shacklett, who started life as a slave during the Civil War, celebrated her 100th birthday last Sunday by going to the Missionary Baptist Church.

The aged Negro had all the familiar excuses for not attending church—it was raining, and she had to walk, and her rheumatism hurt, and her birthday anniversary called for something extra special. But she went to church, anyhow, because "the Lord has been good to me."

She attributes her long life to being a "good child of God." But now she looks ahead and reflects, "there are a lot of good folks in heaven I want to see."

—BR—

Big Level Church, Stone County, agains helps the Baptist Record. Otis M. Bond, recently sent a large list of renewals.

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the town? Without offering any opposition to his old Presbyterian church, Sterling plunged into the work of his new charge with whole-hearted devotion. He made a study of the Baptist denomination in the state of Kentucky and in the South and North. One of his first acts was to subscribe for several Baptist papers, and it was interesting to Dorothy to note with what eagerness he read everything in the papers, and each time his reading was punctuated with exclamations of surprise at the world-wide activities of the Baptists as he saw them recorded in the columns of the papers. He found himself enthusiastic about their history and their present enterprises. The efforts of the State Mission Board greatly interested him, and he determined to get into close touch with it. He told his wife that he intended to identify himself with all these denominational movements and share their burdens.

The Baptists of Kentucky and of the whole country have reason to be grateful for the day when Gilbert Sterling enlisted in their ranks. He is as yet on the threshold of his usefulness. He is studying the needs and tasks of his denomination, seeking to know how he can devote his strength and his possessions most effectively to its upbuilding. There is no happier Baptist family in Kentucky and none destined to wider usefulness than that of the Sterlings.

(The End.)

—BR—

Rev. F. H. Miller, who has been pastor of Murphy Creek Church, Winston County, for 15 years, resigned the pastorate effective June 29.



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## SPARKS &amp; SPLINTERS

Recently appointed acting president of Moody Bible Institute is Dr. William Culbertson, vice-president and dean. Institute trustees announced their decision June 19 after the sudden death of Dr. Will H. Houghton, president since 1934. Dr. Culbertson, former bishop of the New York and Philadelphia synod of the Reformed Episcopal Church, came to the Institute as dean in 1942. One of the youngest bishops in the United States, he had been serving as rector of the Church of Atonement, Germantown, Pa.

**SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS TOO:** The Watchman-Examiner, national Baptist paper published in New York, comments: "Southern Baptists are out to enlist a million church members as tithers. They figure that, if this is accomplished, contributions to the Lord's work would be doubled. It might even be more than that. Think of the spiritual blessing that would come to those who took this step."

Duncan Church recently closed a Vacation Bible School in which 70 were enrolled, and an average attendance of 64 maintained. At the consecration service on the closing day there were 17 professions of faith. Pastor H. Grady Wilkes served as principal.

Dr. W. Fred Gunn has been elected President of Bessie Tift College (Georgia), succeeding Dr. C. L. McGinty, resigned. Dr. Gunn was Dean of the College, and before coming to Bessie Tift served for several years as Dean of the West Georgia College at Carrollton, Georgia.

Rev. Bryan Simmons was the Director of a small, but interesting, Vacation Bible School held in June at Pleasant Hill Church, Greene County. Twenty-four pupils and teachers made an average of twenty-three and two-fifths for the five days of the school. Some six or eight others attended as many as two days. A contribution of \$5.23 was made to Chinese Relief. Those who attended the Commencement Exercises commended the work of teachers and pupils heartily.

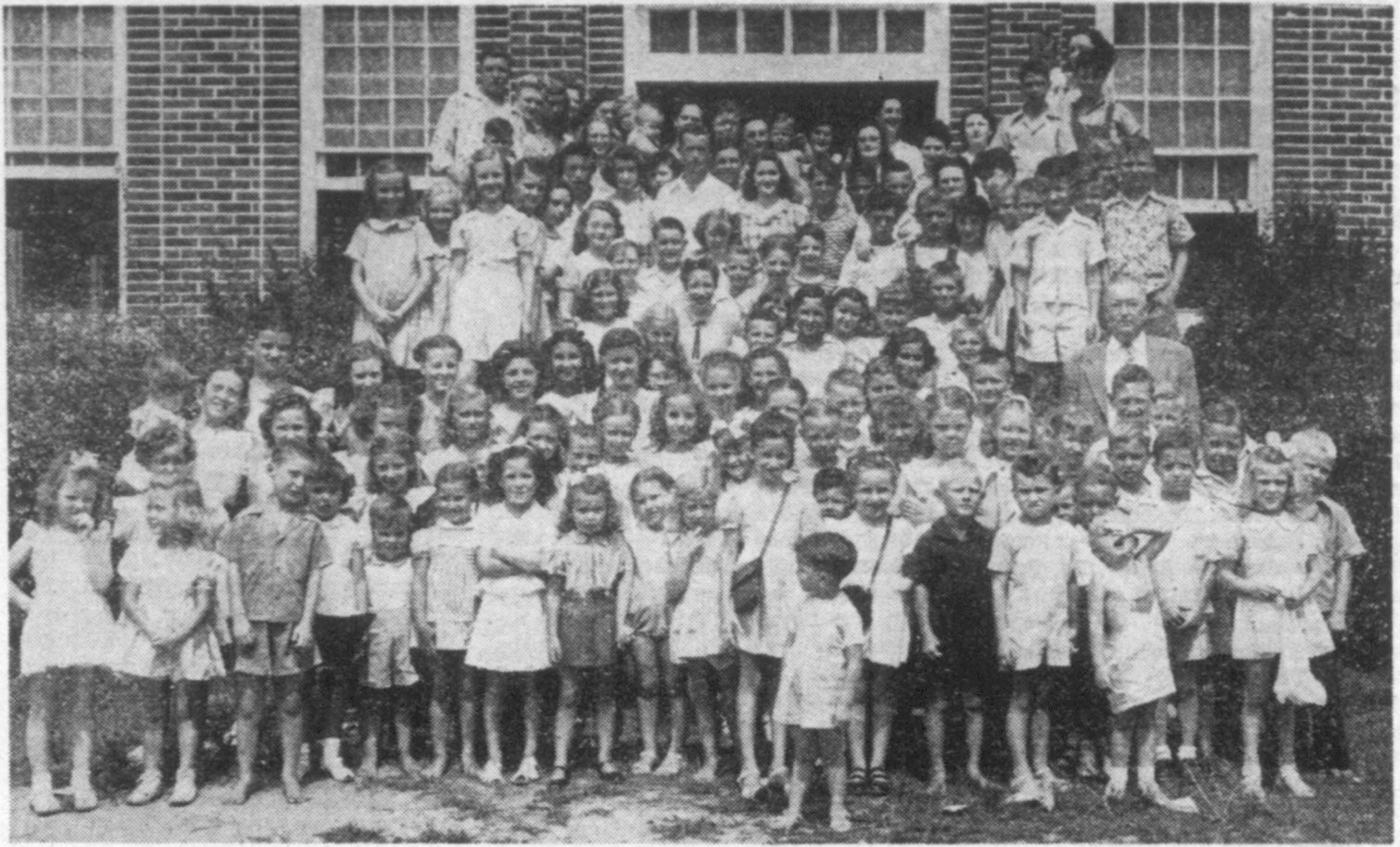
Rev. Gaston B. Mooney, Mississippian, recently entered upon his duties, following his call to be pastor of Gentilly Church, New Orleans. The Rev. Mooney served as a chaplain for three years, and during his student days at New Orleans Seminary was pastor at Perkinston.

Lynn P. Hunwick of San Jose, California, former midshipman recently wrote to Rev. W. C. Wood, former pastor of the College Avenue Church, Annapolis Maryland, enclosed a contribution to the building fund. He said that as a midshipman with \$2.00 and \$4.00 per month he couldn't do much, but because of the Baptist principles and ideals which the pastor and church stood for and because the Sunday Sermon broke the monotony of Academy life he wants to contribute to the church building fund. The gift was \$30.00.

The third quarter issue of the QUARTERLY REVIEW contains a survey of all orphanage work by Southern Baptists, and also a list of all churches with membership of 750 and above.

Rev. G. B. Hamlett, III, pastor of First Church, Winona, was guest preacher in the revival at East Moss Point. Brother Hamlett is a very pleasing and forceful speaker, his messages were well-prepared and his demeanor is that of a man who loves the Lord and lost people. We feel that we were fortunate to have Brother Hamlett with us. There were seven professions of faith—Montie A. Davis, pastor.

## East Tupelo Has Excellent Vacation Bible School



**TORONTO** (RNS breaking with tradition, the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec voted here to permit the ordination of women as ministers. First woman to be ordained under the new ruling is Miss Muriel Spurgeon, a 1947 graduate of McMaster University. She is going into the foreign mission field.

**Pleasant Hill Church in Copiah County will have a home coming day July 20. The Church has voted to completely remodel the present building and add an annex. Plans are well under way. The estimated cost is \$3,600. On that day the revival will begin with Dr. Tom Barksdale of Louisville, Kentucky assisting. We will also make a special drive for our building fund.—Rev. C. E. James, Jastor.**

The Vacation Bible school at First Baptist church in New Albany was the largest in history, with 261 enrolled and an average attendance of 207. There were more than 40 rededications and two conversions. The week closed with a picnic and commencement exercises that displayed the fine work done in school. J. R. Davis is pastor.

Professor Ray Summers, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, on June 22 completed the interim pastorship of the First Baptist Church, Greenville, Texas, which he began on November 1, 1946.

Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Hardin of Drew, Miss., will sail from New York on July 17 to attend the Baptist World Alliance and will make a tour of Europe for six weeks.

The Tishomingo County Young People's Rally was an inspiration to all who attended. Our Young People and their leader, Mrs. J. D. Finch, and her helpers are doing a good work in this county—Mrs. Paul Skinner, reporter.

The Dugger Evangelistic party is available for revival meetings. The party is composed of Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Dugger. Mrs. Dugger is the former Elsie Sampey, daughter of the late Dr. John R. Samper. Mr. Dugger preaches, leads singing and plays the violin. Mrs. Dugger plays an accordion, flute and mellophone. Mail should be addressed: Dugger Evangelistic Party, 1601 Second Avenue, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Rev. B. B. Hilburn of Florence preached in the revival at Drew, Rev. W. S. Hardin, pastor. The music was directed by Rev. George Skutt, who is a member of the Drew Church and associate chaplain at the State Penitentiary. Mrs. Hardin, wife of the pastor, served as organist and Mrs. Curtis Smith was pianist. There were 16 additions, ten of them by baptism. Three others united with the church at the regular Sunday service following the meeting.

"Jimmy T. Williams, gospel singer, 171 Campbell, Jackson, Tennessee, Phone 1661-J, has open dates for revivals in July and August. Recommendations from many leading S. B. C. pastors, given to pastors who need a singer."

**Clinton Home For Sale:** Owner leaving state offers lovely eight-room, two-bath home in A-1 condition, lot 157 x 277, 23 pecan trees, mostly bearing. Now used as a duplex. One unit rents for \$47.50. Sale price \$8,750. Write Mrs. Myrtle Barnhill, Clinton, or phone 2252.

Southland Church, J. M. Foy, pastor, has just closed a good revival. H. J. Rushing, pastor of West Laurel Church, was the preacher, and H. L. Courtney, from Beacon Church, led the singing. This was the best revival in many respects our church has had in a long time. The preaching was the kind that you not only like to listen to but also the kind that you could feel.

There were four professions of faith, two to come from other churches. Two young men surrendered to the call to preach. We feel that this revival is not over but will continue in our Church and community.

Rev. E. Y. Solleau, formerly pastor at Catchings, has accepted the call of the New Hope Church, Bogalusa, Louisiana.

## WHO? EH, WHAT?

The absent-minded professor who was looking for his hat was profuse in his thanks to the man who pointed out that it was on his head. "But for you, sir," he said, "I should have had to go out without it."—Selected.

Professor Edwin McNeely, head of the voice department, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, will serve as director of music, First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, during July and August.

Above are shown a group of happy youngsters attending the Vacation Bible School at East Tupelo Baptist Church. This was one of the largest schools in this section of the state, according to local leaders. The enrollment was 172 with average attendance of 140. Mrs. Verna Kingsley was principal of the school. Pastor J. I. Berryhill is rejoicing over the fine work done.

Until the bus strike is over we will have to publish only the Sunday School Training Union attendance which comes to our office on Monday. The others received will be published the next week. We regret this and want our readers to understand the necessary delay.

BR

William Souther, First Church, San Antonio, has accepted the call of the First Church, Dallas, to serve as an associate to Dr. W. A. Criswell.

It is estimated that five million young people will attend Vacation Bible Schools this summer. It is believed that 1,000,000 children will attend nearly 15,000 Bible Schools sponsored by Southern Baptists.

July 12-18 Rev. I. F. Metts is to be with his son-in-law, Rev. U. L. Higgins, in a meeting at Ashland, Alabama.

BR

## ROSES OR THISTLES

Are you looking for roses?

As you travel on life way;

You will find them robed in splendor,

Bowing, nodding 'long your way.

You will find them by the wayside,

In the meadows, by the rills;

You will find them in the pastures,

Growing on a thousand hills.

Roses wafting sweetest perfume,

Roses rare, of every hue;

Yes, you'll find the roses blooming,

Everywhere 'neath heaven's blue.

Are you looking for the thistles?

Just as easily they're found;

They'll pierce your feet upon the hill,

And upon the lower ground.

On the highways, in the bypaths,

You will find them growing there.

If for thistles you are seeking,

Instead of roses rare.

Oh, then do not look for thistles,

For I'm sure it does not pay,

When sweet roses are a-growing

All along life's rugged way.

—Myrtle Fait Barnhill, Clinton, Miss.